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Romans 1- 5  
Romans #31

## “The State of the Gospel”

The President gives a “State of the Union” address every year, the Governor gives a “State of the State” address and even some pastors give an annual “State of the Church” address. This morning I want to address the “State of the Gospel.”

As we prepare to begin our study again in Romans with chapter six, I thought it would be good to review chapters one through five.

### I. The motivation for the gospel. Romans 1: 16-17

Paul tells us his that he is so motivated about the gospel that ‘he is not ashamed.’ The problem with the gospel today is not Hollywood or politicians or the liberal media. The problem is that believers are ashamed of it. But Paul said he is not ashamed even if its unpopular.

Why he is not ashamed?

#### A. The gospel is the power of God.

Paul tells the Romans who boasted of their power to conquer the world that the gospel is more powerful than your military or pride. The gospel is able to clean up the addict, dry up the alcoholic, raise up the spiritually dead. The gospel is able to change the heart and make you a new person.

#### B. The gospel is for everyone who believes.

The gospel is for the Greek and the Jew, for everyone. But I’m glad he didn’t stop there because then we’d have a gospel of universalism. Instead, it is for everyone “who believes.”

#### C. The gospel reveals to us the righteousness of God.

The word “righteousness” is used 80 times in Romans. The gospel reveals His righteousness to us in the midst of our unrighteousness.

### II. The message of the gospel.

The gospel is the good news, but without bad news, you only have news. So we must first look at the bad news.

#### A. The bad news.

##### 1. All mankind has turned from God. Romans 1:18-32

- Man begin by knowing God.
  - Man did not glorify God as God, was ungrateful, became vain in their imagination, their hearts were darkened, professed to be wise but were fools, changed the glory of God into idolatry
  - The wrath of God is already abiding on man. 24-32
- ##### 2. All mankind is without excuse 2:1
- ##### 3. All mankind will be judged. 2:3-4, 11
- ##### 4. The Jews will also be judged 3:1-8
- ##### 5. All are sinners, there are none who are righteous 3: 9-18
- ##### 6. The summary: we are all sinners 3:23

#### B. The good news.

I will deal with the good news Easter Sunday.